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Box No. I Basis of the report

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- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☐ The international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages _____ 1-19 _____, as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☒ the claims:
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-34	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-34	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-34	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

1. The present application relates to the measurement of a marking on an object where light of different wavelengths is directed onto the object at specific (different) angles. Measurements are taken at different angles and wavelengths, thus avoiding elaborate spectrometric analysis.

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: WO0231780; D2: WO0153113; D4: EP0341002.

2. PRIOR ART

D1 (especially fig. 15) discloses a method and apparatus for examining optically variable materials (OVMS) on a substrate 170, where three LEDs (red 142, green 144, blue 146) are arranged in a casing 140. The light reflected by the substrate is measured at a plurality of different angles by photodiodes 172, 174 and 176 via a viewing window. According to D1, the surface is illuminated at a single specified angle (determined by the material to be examined) (preferably 45°) by a combined beam of the LEDs. This method achieves adequate measuring

accuracy using a single angle of illumination.

3. NOVELTY

In view of the above interpretation of the claims, independent claims 1 and 14 satisfy the requirement for novelty (PCT Article 33(2)) by virtue of the following feature:

(a) the light sources are subdivided into two groups, the light sources of the first group and of the second group illuminating the surface of the marking at different angles α_1 and β_1 respectively, and there being present in the relevant groups at least two light sources which differ from each other in the wavelength of their emission maximum.

4. INVENTIVE STEP

Regarding (a):

Proceeding from D1 as closest prior art, the problem addressed by feature (a) is that of achieving a (more) precise determination of the angle-dependent colour of the marking than is possible with the D1 method and apparatus.

A person skilled in the art concerned with this problem would, in the light of D1, D2 (fig. 17A, 17B) and D4 (fig. 1), consider the following possible solutions in turn:

- (i) measurement at additional detector angles;
- (ii) illumination with additional sources at

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different wavelengths (at the same first angle);

(iii) possibly illumination at additional angles of incidence.

Even if a person skilled in the art incorporates the teaching of D2 and D4, he does not therefore proceed beyond option (iii). Nor is there anything to suggest to him the use of a plurality of groups of light sources at different angles of incidence and with different emission maximum wavelengths as defined in feature (a) above.

Independent claims 1 and 14 (and dependent claims 2 to 13 and 15 to 34 respectively) therefore satisfy the requirement for inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).